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Ogema vs Council - HEARING, APRIL 28TH, 2005

Article X, Section 3 of the Constitution: *The Tribal Ogema or any member of the tribal council may be subject to removal by resolution in favor of removal supported by (7) of the (9 - a) gross misconduct or malfeasance of office b) conviction while in office of a felony under federal tribal or state law or conviction of any other crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude c) inability to fulfill the duties of the office due to mental*

or physical disability to the extent that he/she is incapable of exercising judgment about or attending to the business of his/her office.

On January 26th, 2005, the Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians brought forward a motion to approve resolution # 05-0126-37 "Notice of Intent to remove

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NMÉ – THE GREAT LAKES' STURGEON

Imagine being 6 inches long and dodging the dangers of fast waters, birds and animals you can't see from your watery world. You've watched thunderstorms and have been swept away by unknown currents to the dark depths of Lake Michigan. Years go by and you are a witness to the history of the great lakes. You share your gifts with the natives who respect and honor you in songs and prayers. You see the great fishing fleets invade your beautiful lakes and kill your offspring in senseless fury over their torn nets. Then

the fishing boats come to hunt you. For 60 years, you manage to avoid their nets. Then, when finally there are so little of you left that the fishing stops, you start searching again for your kin. You are over 100 years old, and you become a part of the hope of saving Nmé – The Great Lakes' Sturgeon. For 100 million years, Nmé (the sturgeon) has remained

unchanged. It is a bottom feeder, and can grow to be more than 8 feet long. It can also live for more than a century. It is by every standard a prehistoric fish that has survived until today.

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UNITED INDIAN NATIONS OF THE GREAT LAKES MEETING

The theme of a recent gathering in Canada with representatives from over 140 indigenous tribes and First Nations was control over the Great Lakes' waters. On April 11th and 12th, the group gathered as the *United Indian Nations of the Great Lakes* to address mutual concerns over the Great Lakes Charter, Annex 2001. This annex is being offered following the agreement reached last fall in Chicago at the Great Lakes Collaboration regarding the

use of and management of the Great Lakes' ecosystem. The agreement was, primarily, between the eight Great Lakes' states – Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York (US) - and two Canadian provinces – Ontario and Manitoba - with input from the tribal community. Conference co-chair, Frank Etawageshik (Tribal Chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians) said that. "...the Tribes and First Nations

share concerns about the lack of acknowledgement of their jurisdiction and treaty rights in the implementing agreements being proposed under the Annex 2001. These proposed agreements, if implemented, will provide binding provisions for the protection of the quantity of water within the ecosystem of the Great Lakes."

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Is inviting all interested tribal members to the

18th Annual Michigan Indian Family Olympics

The 2005 games will take place on Friday, July 15, 2005

Be-Da-Bin is arranging charter bus transportation to Central Michigan University (in Mt, Pleasant) for the Olympics

We will be leaving from the interim casino at 5:30 am and returning the same day at about 7:00 pm.

Breakfast snacks and lunch will be provided.

Participants must be members of a Federally recognized tribe and there is a four-event limit for each participant.

All ages are welcome.

To register, please contact:

**Julie Wolfe- LRBOI- Youth Prevention
Be-Da-Bin Behavior Health
1-888-382-8299 ext 6632**

If you have any questions please contact me. Start fitness training now so our tribe can run a gold medal sweep.



***Little River Band
of Ottawa Indians***

***Be-Da-bin's
4th annual wellness walk***

***When: Saturday July 2, 2005
Location: Gathering Grounds
(Across from Casino)***

***Registration: opens 7:00 AM
Walk: starts 7:30 am***

***Everyone Welcome!
Lets walk for wellness!!***



To apply for positions at the Little River Casino Resort, please call 888-568-2244 and ask to speak to a Recruiting Representative. For up to date Job Postings, please visit our website at littlerivercasinos.com and go to the employment section. Also you can call toll free at 888-568-2244 or call the Job Hotline at 800-806-4348. Both are updated as the positions become available.

We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

Public Information Department

HEARING, APRIL 28TH, 2005 - *Removal of Lee A. Sprague from Office of Ogema*

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Lee Sprague from the Office of the Ogema in accordance with Article 10, Section 3-A of the Constitution with February 19th date.” The Council voted on the matter and the motion failed.

On April 13th, 2005, the Council brought forward a “*Resolution authorizing written notice to Lee A. Sprague, Ogema, of the Tribal Council’s intent to vote to remove, adopting the alleged grounds for removal, and establishing the date of public meeting to provide opportunity to answer the charges.*” Speaker Steve Parsons read the resolution under consideration: “*WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to inform the Tribal Membership of the actions that lead to this resolution, and further to provide Lee A. Sprague, Ogema, an opportunity to defend or refute the specific grounds for removal. NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council, in accordance with Article X, Section 3, hereby schedules a public meeting of the Tribal Council*

for April 28, 2005 at 1:00 p.m., to be held at the Three Fires Conference Center at the Little River Casino Resort. The motion was carried.

On April 28th, the Council and Ogema Lee Sprague met at the Little River Casino and Resorts’ Tree Fires Conference Center for the Hearing. Over 200 Tribal Members were in attendance, most were from outside Manistee and some came from as far as Florida.

The hearing began at 1pm with a prayer, followed by a roll call. All were present and, after a few delays due to technical issues, the first Action was well under discussion by 3pm. The hearing lasted well into the night and by 10 pm, Lee Sprague was asked to give his closing statement: “I do respect the Constitution, this is a constitutional process and the Council has a right to these proceedings. I want to thank you for the opportunity to respond to these allegations. We both have an opinion. I do not think that any of these allegations rise to the level of malfeasance. Everything I have done was

for the good of the Tribe.”(...) After the closing statement, Tribal Members were given a chance to voice their opinion of the proceedings. “I believe that Lee Sprague was put in office by the Tribal Members and if we put him in we should be allowed to take him out,” said Celia Coals. Several other Members spoke on behalf of Ogema Sprague. The council then left the conference room to deliberate on the proceedings. After the hearing, Lee Sprague commented: “I think the best thing was to hear the membership today, absolutely. I’ve been feeling it in the buildings; I’ve been feeling it for the last two weeks. I have had a lot of phone calls. Today a few people spoke up, that was nice. I always felt in the room, wherever I am, even at the membership meetings, that there is a lot of support out there. I like people and people like me, generally speaking. It was really nice to hear some of the comments that were made by the members today. I still feel that the issue of separation of powers - separate but equal

powers - is the fundamental issue here. I appreciate the opportunity to work with, and to continue working with the Membership.”

More than 2 hours later, the Council Members returned to the conference area visibly tired and strained by the long proceedings. Israel Stone commented: “I would like to mention that sitting through these proceedings was not a pleasant experience. I would also like to state that the Membership has elected all of us - including the Council. My decision will be based solely on the evidence.”

The final Resolution (#05-0428-174, see Resolution below) was then brought forth for the Council to vote on. It was clear that the decision was painful for many of the Council Members. Early in the morning of April 29th, motion # 05-0428-174, *Removal of Lee A. Sprague from Office of Ogema*, failed to be accepted by the Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

RESOLUTION # 05-0428-174
REMOVAL OF LEE A. SPRAGUE FROM OFFICE OF OGEMA

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and Treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, in Accordance with Article X, Section 3, of the Little River Band Constitution, the Tribal Council is empowered to remove the Tribal Ogema from his office for reasons specified therein; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that gross misconduct, a removal offense under Article X, Section 3(a) of the Constitution is defined as –

Gross misconduct in office means the complete and/or blatant dereliction of duty, unlawful or improper behavior. Misconduct, to be considered ‘gross’, must rise to an absolute, easily seen, extreme, and manifest action. The behavior must be seen as offensive, reprehensible and unmitigated. Misconduct, to be considered under this section, must be bad conduct or management, delinquency, misgovernment, nonfeasance, unprofessional conduct or wrongdoing.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that malfeasance, a removable offense under Article X, Section 3(a) of the Constitution is defined as –

Malfeasance in office means an action that is plainly bad, doing an action badly. Malfeasance must be corruption, illegal action, misgovernment, mismanagement, misappropriation, unjust performance, or wrongful conduct.

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has considered each of the actions listed in this resolution and finds that individually, or in collection, the actions arise to gross misconduct and/or malfeasance in office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in Accordance with Article X, Section 3(a) of the Little River Band Constitution, the Tribal Council hereby charges the Tribal Ogema, Lee A. Sprague, with Gross misconduct and Malfeasance in office.

IT IS FUTHER RESOLVED THAT in Accordance with Article X, Section 3(a) of the Little River Band Constitution, the Tribal Council sets forth the following grounds for removal in support of the aforementioned charges of gross misconduct and malfeasance in office specifically as follows:

HEARING - CONTINUED FROM P. 3

- Action 1.** Willful neglect of responsibility to oversee and manage the Casino Development Project, including financing activities on behalf of the Tribe, which has the direct potential to result in violation of the terms of the loan agreement funding the Casino Development Project.
- a. Failure to attend meetings on a regular and consistent basis, out of 39 meetings the Ogema attended 7 meetings.
 - b. Failure to execute the addendum to the CKA Construction Contract establishing the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment by March 11th, as required by the agreement, following a Tribal Council resolution approving the contract amendment.
 - c. –Deleted by Amendment to Resolution

Action 2. –Deleted by Amendment to Resolution

- Action 3.** Willful violation of the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance, Purchasing and Procurement Regulations and Travel Regulations as follows:
- a. Granting authorization for expenditure of funds to the Assistant Tribal Manager up to \$8,000.00, which violates an internal control mechanism assigned to the Ogema by a regulation.
 - b. -Deleted by Amendment to Resolution

Action 4. Violation of Constitution at Article IV, Section 5(a)(4), which identifies that the Speaker shall “perform the duties of the Tribal Ogema in the absence of or due to the inability of the Ogema to perform those duties,” by making an illegal delegation of “all powers of the Office of the Ogema” to the Tribal Assistant Manager.

- Action 5.** Willful misappropriation of funds by creating or authorizing expenditures either in absence of an approved budget or authorized appropriations, or by incurring expenses outside of the scope of approved contracts, and violating the Constitution at Article IV, Section 7(e) regarding engagement of legal counsel.
- a. Brown & LaCounte –
 - 1) authorization of legal services in violation of Article IV, Section 7(e) to provide work product outside of the scope of the existing contract and in violation of the purpose for which the funds were budgeted.

- 2) willful violation of the Constitution at Article XI, Sovereign Immunity, by authorizing waivers of immunity without securing appropriate authorization of the Tribal Council by resolution – Dennis Shananaquet
- b. VonBriesen & Roper - authorization of engagement of legal counsel in violation of Article IV, Section 7(e) and for an unbudgeted expense.
- c. –Deleted by Amendment to Resolution

Action 6. –Deleted by Amendment to Resolution

Action 7. –Deleted by Amendment to Resolution

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the supporting documentation, Attachment A, tied to each charge are also incorporated herein as part of the specific allegations, and are identified as exhibit items identified by each Count.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT after giving an opportunity to present testimony regarding each of the Actions identified in this resolution, the Tribal Council finds that insufficient evidence has been presented to overturn the determination of gross misconduct and malfeasance for the items and by adoption of this resolution removes Lee A. Sprague from the Office of Ogema, effective upon adoption of this resolution, as a result of gross misconduct and malfeasance.

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MOTION FAILED

APRIL 28TH, 2005



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ART? SHARING? NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE?
ARTRAIN USA NEEDS YOU!

Artrain USA is delighted to present to West Central Michigan, ***Native Views: Influences of Modern Culture***, a collection of contemporary Native American artworks, for four days in Ludington, MI from May 28th through June 1st. In order to make this a successful venture, we need help from volunteers! The exhibition Native Views focuses on how Native artists are influenced by the popular culture of today and explores the commonalities of Native and non-Native people in North America. Artists featured include Marcus Amerman, Joe Baker, Jesse Hummingbird, Alan Michelson, Melanie Printup Hope, Roxanne Swentzell and Kay Walkingstick. We hope to share this powerful exhibition with the community by opening our doors to school groups, clubs, organizations as well as the general public.

Everywhere Artrain USA stops, we seek volunteers to assist in a variety of ways. The only requirement is a smile! We need volunteers to serve as docents/guides and to day coordinators. You will be working with school-aged children, clubs and groups during the week and/or general public on the weekend. A training session will be provided to familiarize them with the Artrain USA environment and their duties.

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May 28th at 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

PLEASE RETURN BY May 20th, 2005

Ranch Style Egg Noodles

12 oz. bag egg Noodles
1 tablespoon margarine
1 cup Ranch dressing
Cook a 12 oz. bag of egg noodles drain. Add a
tablespoon of margarine and pour in Ranch dressing
stir. Add a little parsley for color. Serve warm.
Sandwich Spread
4-1/4 cup serving
1 hard- cooked egg, chopped
1 cup cooked chicken, chopped
1 teaspoon onion, chopped
1 tablespoon light mayonnaise
2 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 teaspoon parsley (optional)
1 teaspoon garlic powder (optional)

Combine egg, meat and onion. Put all ingredients into
a bowl, mash with Potato masher or fork.

Variations: One cup canned chicken or fish, cooked
pork, or mashed beans can be substituted for the
cooked chicken. Low fat yogurt can be used instead of
the mayonnaise.

Serving suggestions: Serve on crackers or bread. Note:
Chicken used for analysis.

Nutritional analysis per serving :
Calories 110 - Fat 6 Grams

May News Letter 2005

Yvonne Theodore will be attending the National Association Of Food
Distribution Program On Indian Reservations. In Rapid City South
Dakota on Saturday June 18, 2005 – June 24, 2005.

Meetings: USDA General Session, USDA Questions & Answers, Board
Meeting, NAFDPIR General Session, USDA Update, Food Package
Reviews.

Workshops: Traditional Foods, Fitness, Certification, Wellness, Ware-
housing, Fresh Produce.

Guest Speakers : Tex Hall, Three Affiliated Tribes Chairman Cecelia Fire
Thunder, President Oglala Sioux Harold Frazier, Chairman Cheyenne
River.

June 18th, 2005 the Food Distribution Program will be giving their
department annual report to Council - Frances Lawrence will be
attending the annual report meeting in absence of Yvonne Theodore.

Food Distribution Program serves 13 counties:

Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason
Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Wexford, Osecola, Mecosta, Ottawa

For Information on the Food Distribution program call:

1-888-723-8288

Ask for Yvonne Theodore or Frances Lawrence

Or 1-231-398-6715 Yvonne

Or 1-231-398-6716 George

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians/Ludington Area Arts Council Seeks Tribal and Community Helpers!
A One-time Volunteer Opportunity

TRIBAL and COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ARTRAIN USA NEEDS YOU!

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians along with the Ludington
Area Arts Council is hosting Artrain USA, the nation’s only art
museum on a train. We eagerly seek volunteers from the tribal
and local community to serve as tour guides for this one time
volunteer opportunity. A smile is the only necessary requirement!
A training session is provided to all tour guides to familiarize
them with Artrain USA and their duties.

WHAT IS ARTRAIN USA?

Artrain USA is the nation’s only traveling art museum on a train.
Artrain USA will be open in Ludington for four days. May 29th
and 30th are set for the general public and May 31st and June 1st
for school tours only.

May 29~30 May 31-June 1
10:00am~5:00pm 8:00 am –3:00 pm

Our community will have a chance to view *Native Views:
Influences of Modern Culture*, a contemporary art exhibition
which focuses on how Native American artists are influenced
by the popular culture of today and explores the commonalities
of Native and non-Native people in North America.

WHEN ARE TOUR GUIDES NEEDED?

May 29th and 30th May 31st and June 1st
Shift One Shift Two Shift One Shift Two
10:00am – 1:00 pm 1:00 pm– 5:00pm 8:00am – 12:00 pm 12:00 pm– 3:00pm

TOUR GUIDE ORIENTATION

The tour guide orientation is tentatively scheduled for the 28th
before the opening reception. There are two training sessions
scheduled at 5:30pm or 6:00pm to accommodate work schedules.
For directions call 1-231-843.6361

The Artrain will be on the Whitehall Industries property off of
Madison Street in Ludington, MI.

HOW DO I SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER?

Please contact Angela Eagle (LRBOI-PIDept) at aeagle@lrboi.com
or 231.398.6840.

Please visit Artrain USA’s website for more information
regarding Artrain USA and the exhibition *Native Views:
Influences of Modern Culture* at: www.artrainusa.org
Attention All Volunteers!
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Please visit Artrain USA’s website for more information regarding
Artrain USA and the exhibition *Native Views: Influences of Modern
Culture* at: www.artrainusa.org.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE

Nita Guenthardt
Economic Development Coordinator

Aanii,

I hope these articles are helping you get your business hat on. One item from last month, I targeted the business forms to Michigan's business forms. Those of you getting started in other states can access your state regulations online, or through your local Chamber or business resource. The license is important, so take the time to investigate this step. Now, for the meat of getting off the ground, let's talk money.

THE ART OF GETTING THE MONEY

This starts by knowing what your lender wants. A common way is to simply ask. A better way is to ask a friend or business advisor such as your CPA.

Business Loans

For a business loan, the most common things are:

- Business financial statements
- Business tax returns
- Business Plan with budget or projection
- Personal financial statements
- Personal tax returns

Step two is to be ready to answer questions about your business, and be ready to highlight your financial performance both in the past and in the future. You will be more impressive if you have carefully thought-out and become familiar with your plan. Bring your accountant if you need help.

Be prepared to tell them why you need the money. "I just need the money," does not inspire confidence or the fact that you have thought it through. Consider a number of different purposes. Give them some detail.

Repayment Plans

Propose a repayment plan. Examples of different structures are:

- A line of credit, payable at your discretion but subject to renewal annually by the bank
- Term loan payable monthly over ___ years starting on ____ date

Most places have some flexibility. Potential lenders appreciate that you are thinking about paying them back instead of just getting the money.

Other Quick Tips

- Needless to say, being well dressed and neat in appearance at bank meetings will reflect positively.
- Most lenders (including the SBA) will want to see your business plan.
- Keep your lenders informed on the

status of your business: the good and the bad.

- If you are unable to make a loan payment on time, call your lender in advance, advise him/her of the problem and request the extension you need. Explain the sources of repayment.
- Virtually all lenders will do a personal savings and corporate credit check through a company called TRW or by other means. Be prepared to discuss any prior credit issues/problems. The best access to a lender is through a referral. Lending is a people business. Have your CPA, attorney, or friend introduce you to a lender.
- The first thing that will spook lenders or investors is the fear you are "puff" rather than "substance." Avoid giving the impression of being an over optimistic, "pie-in-the-sky" operator.
- As a start-up, do not plan to spend money on expensive entertaining. Your lenders will be more interested in knowing how their money is being used to grow your business.
- Do not depend on a bank to loan you money to start a business. Most small businesses are funded by personal savings.
- Make a shrewd appraisal to minimize your risks and to limit losses to a predetermined limit.
- "Your suppliers and vendors can be sources of financing. For example, if you need an illuminated sign for your store front, the company you contract with to make the sign may provide financing so you can make monthly payments rather than pay cash. Examples of financing from your suppliers include:
 - o Longer payment terms
 - o Advertising and marketing assistance
 - o Furnishing or financing of equipment, signs or inventory.
 - o Advertising and promotional

programs

- Bartering, which is to trade by exchange one commodity for another, can provide a source of financing. For example, your advertisements in the local newspaper might be paid for by the bagels you make!

After You Get the Money

Getting the money is only the first step. You should strive to be a good customer so you can get cooperation if you need help later.

A good customer sticks to his/her agreement. Make sure you understand the requirements and perform to them as much as possible.

In a business relationship, lenders will ask for regular financial statements, which you should produce on time.

There may be covenants. A covenant is a written agreement in which you promise to meet specified obligations such as submitting the aging of your accounts receivable. The "aging" report will show the lenders if your credit customers are paying on time or not.

Be proactive. Contact them if there is a problem. Be sure to stay in touch even if nothing new is going on. Get to the next highest level within the organization.

Sources of financing can surface from unexpected sources, some possible answers are:

- Suppliers: Ask for longer terms of payment.
- Your landlord: Ask the landlord to provide you with tenant improvements.
- Your customers: Ask for either cash or prompt payment.
- Your capital investments: Ask the suppliers of your fixtures, equipment and signs to finance your purchases. They will be interested in doing so in order to get your business.

Top Ten Do's and Dont's on p. 7

TOP TEN DO'S AND DON'TS

TOP TEN DO'S

1. Live frugally and begin saving up money now to start your own business.
2. Use your cash flow projection as your key tool to determine financing required.
3. Complete a business plan for meetings with potential lenders or investors.
4. Have your business plan critiqued by appropriately informed people. Revise as necessary.
5. Ask the Small Business Administration for advice. (Have your business plan with you.)
6. Maintain a current financial information packet including financial statements and recent tax returns.
7. Consider bartering services if appropriate.
8. Use your CPA or attorney as referrals to lenders.
9. Keep your lenders informed of your progress and any potentially adverse events.
- 10.If you need a loan for 6 months, ask for 12 months to be on the save side.

TOP TEN DONT'S

1. Don't expect a bank to help finance your new business.
2. Do not ask for a loan without a detailed repayment plan in hand.
3. Don't overlook vendors and landlords (for tenant improvements) as sources of financing.
4. Don't be afraid to be the bearer of bad news to your lender-get their help to make things better.
5. Don't be afraid to borrow enough to meet your realistic needs.
6. Never exaggerate. Be conservative in your presentations to lenders and investors.
7. Never write a check without adequate funds in your bank account.
8. Don't risk losing your home by taking a "Home Equity" loan unless you are certain of your ability to repay.
9. Do not sign personal guarantees unless absolutely necessary.
- 10.Do not budget or spend money on expensive entertaining of potential lenders.

Points To Ponder

- Never ask for money without providing a source of repayment
- Make a prompt assessment of adversity and act to make things better

Megwetch

Nita Guendheart
Economic Development

THE manISTEE SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS

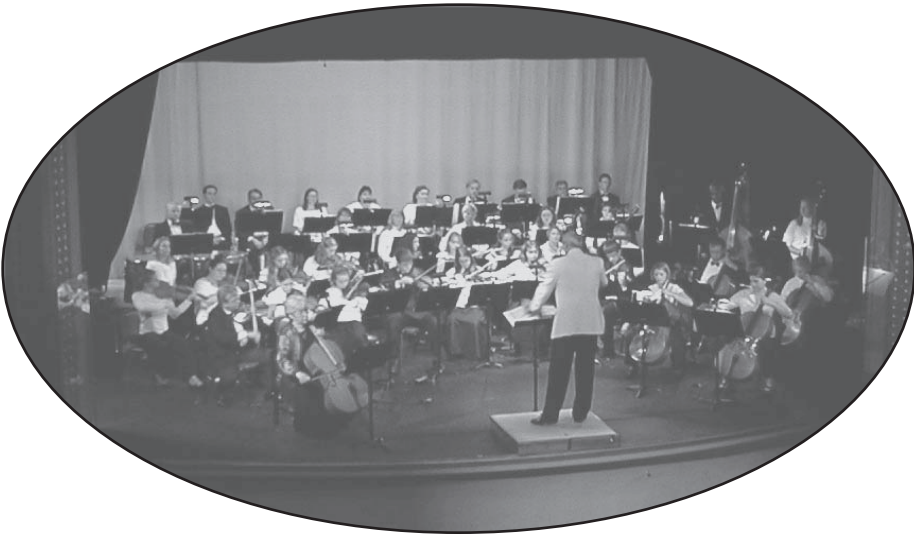
The MSOC is an intergenerational ensemble dedicated to producing and presenting concerts of symphonic, choral and chamber repertoire from the Baroque to Modern eras in a professional format using professional music editions, for the enjoyment and musical growth of our audience and musicians.

The Manistee Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Inc. was formed and non-profit status was secured in 2000.

Patron interest and investment confirmed the viability and vision of the organization. The MSOC began to stimulate audience interest from Muskegon to Glen Arbor, as well as attracting out-of-town volunteer musicians desiring to perform professional repertoire. By 2001, the five concert season continued and broadened, soloists performed major repertoires. 2001 also marked the MSOC's first performance of a full symphony, the Beethoven Symphony No. 5. In 2001 the season opened with a performance of Mozart's "The Magic Flute", the MSOC's first opera. The Comic Opera Guild of Ann Arbor was engaged to stage the opera with the orchestra.

The MSOC makes an effort to stimulate student audiences, they took MSOC Board members to Manistee County elementary schools. A collaborative outreach was made to Muskegon Heights Middle School bringing several students to Manistee to tour the city and enjoy a performance.

In 2002, a 'Concert of Commemoration And Celebration marked the first anniversary of the terrorist attack on America with many collaborations of Manistee County agencies and a world premiere of 'Cantus Funebris For Fallen Heroes' by American composer, Hugo Vianello. November's performance of "The Nutcracker" with o-producer Ingrid Bond completed a season which saw record attendance.



Through the support of Muskegon's West Shore Symphony Orchestra, the MSOC commenced a systematic contracting of professional players to augment the orchestra. Internationally recognized solo artists Melvin Ritter (violin) and Olga Zilboorg (cello) provided new opportunities for growth in concert preparation and delivery. The season concluded with a performance of Menotti's classic children's opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors", representing a salute to the piece which began the organization in December, 1996.

By 2004 a new, interdisciplinary series, "Third Tuesday", was launched. Informal presentations of music, dance, visual arts and intimate theatre were given at the MSOC office on the third Tuesday of each month during the winter and early spring.

"Klassical Kids" was initiated as an after school program for Jefferson and Madison Elementary schools. Third and fourth graders learned about the instruments in the orchestra's four sections under the guidance of MSOC's Chris Potter and other players. In the fall, a curriculum designed by Administrative Assistant Anna Sapak introduced fifth and sixth grade students at Kennedy Elementary to "The Nutcracker". The students engaged in problem solving techniques related to dance, music and staging.

The MSOC entered semi-professional status by initiating a "Chair" Sponsorship, by which all musicians would receive a stipend for concert performance. Specific leadership positions were assumed in all four sections of the orchestra by permanent professional and semi-professional musicians, strengthening the mentoring process and providing for more permanency and consistency.

Plans were made to launch the Manistee Symphony Brass, an ensemble comprises permanent and alternate brass players from the orchestra. In 2005, the Manistee Symphony Brass, under the direction of its Artistic Director Jerry Lewallen, will present public performances.

Symphony looking for Tribal Musicians!
bondfamily@jackpine.com



CHS and EHAP NEWS

Aanii. I believe that Spring has finally sprung! The weather is getting nice and making us want to spend our spare time outside. Spring is a time for change and renewing; so with that in mind, we will be changing your CHS/EHAP workers! You will now be talking to someone new! The new set-up is as follows:

A thru D is Cindy Drake
E thru Ki is Sandy Renner
Kl thru N is Kathy Berentsen
O thru SK is Juanita Antoine
SL thru Z is Karla Battice

Sorry about having to split up the K’s and the S’s, but there are many of them. I know this may take some getting used to, but you are all in good hands!

I also want to let you know that we are changing the reassessments to once a year in June. So you will all be getting new reassessments in the mail soon! If you have any questions regarding your CHS/EHAP status, please let us know.

I have one more request from all of you; PLEASE call in ALL your dental appointments that require more than one visit. For example, if you are getting ready for dentures, you will have many extraction appointments, or if you are getting a crown, you will have many appointments for molding and inserting. This will cause less confusion when we get the bills and the dates aren’t matching up.

Thank you for your patience and understanding when changing the alphabet and completing the reassessments. Also I would like to thank you for all the input I have received regarding the CHS/EHAP programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Wright
CHS/EHAP Supervisor

CULTURAL MENTORING
The Cultural Preservation Committee is looking for young people interested in mentoring with adults during Little River Band of Ottawa Indians’ Jiingtamok activities. Youth will learn first hand what being an arena director, an emcee, head dancer, drummer, etc. is all about. If interested or for more information, please email cpc@lrboi.com or contact the Tribal Historic Preservation office at 1-888-723-8288 or 231-398-9363.

THE CULTURAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR...
Do you have an iron, ironing board or sewing machine you are looking to get rid of? The Cultural Preservation Committee is seeking donations of irons, ironing boards and sewing machines that are in good or ‘gently used’ condition and will work without needing any repairs. All donations will be used by Tribal members during Regalia Class each year and will be greatly appreciated. If you’d like to make a donation, please email cpc@lrboi.com or call 231-398-9363 or toll-free at 1-888-723-8288. Miigwech!

The Homecoming of the Three Fires Traditional Pow Wow

Grand Rapids-
The Homecoming of the Three
Fires Traditional Pow Wow, an annual
event that celebrates American Indian Culture,
will be held Saturday, June 11 & Sunday, June 12, 2005
at Riverside Park, Monroe Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Co- sponsored with the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians and
the City of Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Department, the event
anticipates the public attendance at over 40,000 people. This outdoor
celebration of American Indian culture features music, dance, art, crafts
and food. It is one of the few Pow wows that offer FREE ADMISSION AND
FREE PARKING.

Dancers Grand entry times are Saturday, June 11 at 1:00pm and 6:00pm and
again on Sunday, June 12 at 12:00 noon. A break from the dancing and drum-
ming will take place Saturday afternoon from 4:15pm until 6:00p.m. This will
give the dancers and participant’s time to dine and refresh themselves. How-
ever, the vendors will remain open for business during the afternoon break.
Vendors are open from Saturday morning to Saturday afternoon. Opening
each day at 11:00 am. The celebration will conclude by 4:30pm Sunday
afternoon.

*Dogs or other pets will not be allowed within the event bound-
aries per City Ordinance. Please leave your pets at home.
Do not leave animals unattended in vehicles. Dogs
assisting disabled persons are welcomed!
This is an alcohol and drug free
event.*

UNITED INDIAN NATIONS OF THE GREAT LAKES MEETING IN ONTARIO CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



At the meeting in Ontario, Canada, Ogema Lee Sprague and Public Information Director Glenn Zaring represented the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, representatives from 4 other Michigan tribes were also present. The meeting, conducted in traditional fashion with over

3 dozen chiefs and speakers present, addressed joint concerns about the management of the Great Lakes waters. Concerns focused upon the commodification, diversion and exportation of water and the lack of Tribal representation in the intergovernmental process.

“Tribes on both sides of the border are united in developing our own parallel process and ensuring our participation in decision-making involving the management of the Great Lakes,”

said Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and co-chair for the United Indian Nations meeting.

“The consensus we have reached here will guide our efforts in responding to these issues,” said Nelson Toulouse, Deputy Grand Chief of the Anishinabek Nation (CN), and co-chair of the meeting. “More importantly, we remain com-



mitted to making this our own process, done in our way.”

Delegates to the gathering returned to their individual tribes with a proposed draft statement addressing the necessity to keep the Tribes and First Nations involved in the decision-making process and not just as interested spectators.

*Glenn Zaring
Public Information Director*

Celebrating Women Festival

“Road Trip!” With this cry, many women gather with some of their friends and take off for day trips and adventures across the land. This year, they have someplace special to go right here in Manistee!

The Manistee County Convention and Visitors Bureau have started a new festival called, “Celebrating Women!” For 10 days in early May, visitors to the area will be able to participate in events that have been especially planned for women. Events that run the gauntlet from days at the spa to learning how to play Blackjack at Little River Casino! Following are some of the events:

5K Run
Art exhibits
Fishing tournament
Mom’s Golf
Ladies trail hike
Ladies Paintball Tournament
Women & Handguns Workshop
Art/Craft Demonstrations
Golf clothing trunk sale
Afternoon tea
Fashion Show, Bands
Mayflower Luncheon
Wine tasting

Lectures on Osteoporosis
Business Women Expo
Crafting
“Get to know your car”
Poetry writing clinic
Women’s Crime Prevention Seminar
Scenic Arts
Songwriting workshop
ATHENA Award (1st in Manistee)
Girl Scout Luncheon
Pajama Party package
...and much more



Be sure to check out the festival insert for a full list. LRBOI participation includes many events at the Three Fires Conference Center, Little River Casino, Art exhibits and demonstrations and lectures.

For more information, contact the Manistee County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-877-626-4783 or locally in Manistee County at 231-398-9355, or visit the Manistee County Convention and Visitors Bureau website – www.visitmanistee.com.

FIRE LODGE - *Spring Fire*

The Spring Fire is lit When Mother Nature gives the first signs of Spring. At the discretion of the Fire Keepers, this can be after the first thunderstorm, when all the snow is gone, or when the trees start budding. It is tended by the Fire Keepers for four (4) days and nights. Traditionally, fire ceremonies were held by villages to discuss issues pertaining to the community. The fire was kept for four (4) days to allow the members to talk together with respect in the presence of the fire. The Spring Fire welcomes the thunders back to the region to bless the plants and medicines. It is also a celebration of re-birth and renewal of the season.

The Fall Fire is to bid farewell to the thunders and to acknowledge the end of the growing season. It can be held after the last thunderstorms roll through, when the leaves start turning or when the trees are bare.

The Spring and Fall Membership meetings are scheduled to make use of the Spring and Fall fires. Fire Keepers ask that members receive wisdom, understanding and patience from spirits during these ceremonies to allow them to discuss concerns without animosity and with respect for one another.

The Fire represents the Great Spirit Grandfather and is cared for as an invited guest would be. The Fire Keepers stay with the fire at all times and tend to it through the night to ensure that it stays lit. If the fire goes out prematurely on its own (not by the Fire Keeper's negligence)

it is considered simply "meant to be" and is left alone. The Fire Keeper's job, however is to do everything in his power to prevent this from happening.

The Fire Keeper that lights the fire must be considerate of the reasons and the meanings of the Fire ceremony. He does this with prayerful reflection. Without this, the Fire will most likely not ignite.

Only men can be Fire Keepers. Fire Keepers only allow wood, sacred offerings and water to be put in the fire. Every morning a tobacco ceremony is held for the fire. On the last day of fire keeping, a pipe ceremony is held at sunrise.

The fire can only be tended by men of the tribe that is hosting the fire ceremony. Exceptions can be made to this during multi-tribal gatherings where the responsibility is shared by men of all the tribes that are present.

When entering the fire lodge, enter from the East where Sema (tobacco) will be available and should be given as an offering to the fire (with left hand). Anyone can make an offering and enter the fire lodge. (Except women while in their moon time, when they are closer to the elements and to the Great Spirit. It is thought that women do not need sweat lodges or cleansing ceremonies during their moon time because they are naturally cleansing themselves.) Once an offering is made, one circles the fire sun-wise (clockwise) until back at the main door. You are then one with the fire

and can share in the honor of its presence.

When in the fire lodge, offerings of Mshkwadewask (sage), Kiishing (cedar), and Wingash (sweetgrass) can also be made.

Water is brought to the fire by women. Its responsibility falls on women because it is the source of life and women are the givers and keepers of life. Water can be added to the offerings in the fire in order to complete the circle.

In the past, fires were held outside. The Little River Band added the lodge to protect the fire and the Fire Keepers from the elements. Friendly, open discussions are welcome around the fire. Almost anything can be reflected upon as long as it is discussed in a respectful and peaceful manner. Issues are brought up that may not have been addressed at other times for various reasons. Not all problems can be resolved, but some are. It is a miss-conception that humor and jokes are not appropriate; laughing and telling funny anecdotes is a good way to keep heavy subjects from becoming unpleasant and allow serious topics to be discussed in a more pleasant way.

The Ghost Supper, a fall potluck, is for anyone that wants to participate. It is a gathering where all bring food to share and where the door is left open to the spirits and ancestors to share in the feast. A plate of food is placed in the fire to allow spirits to partake in the meal. It is held in the Fall, the time when we are closest to the

spirits, (now around the time of All Saints Day).

Fires are also held for the passing of Tribal Members, if requested by the family. The Fire is then intended to aid and guide the deceased's spirit to the next world. To ask for a fire, either for a loved one's passing, a wedding or other event, Sema is given to a Fire Keeper and he will light a fire and keep it (or find someone to do so). Wood is generally also given by the family to the Fire Keeper as part of this request, but a fire will not be denied if it is needed.

Any man or boy (around 13 and older) wishing to become a Fire Keeper can do so by asking to be given the teachings by the Fire Keeper(s). They will get instructions and be involved in the ceremony. At the next Fire, they will be invited to perform certain tasks under the guidance of veteran Keepers, (and most likely assigned to tend to the fire on the night when the weather is the worst:-)

Fire Keepers would like to mention that they are at the mercy of the wood they have access to and that any donation of good burning wood is welcome.

Chi Migwetch to the Fire Keepers of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for this Information.

- Emily Drouin
Public Information
Department



THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS WELCOMES YOU TO THE
12TH ANNUAL ANISHINAABE FAMILY LANGUAGE & CULTURE CAMP

Celebrating the unity of our Language & Culture
Bring your Nation Flag & Gift for Giveaway

No Registration fee - Meals are provided

Aanii piish Manistee Mi. Wenesh pii July 29, 30, 31

Friday July 29	Saturday July 30	Sunday July 31
8:00 Opening & Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast
9:15 Presentations / workshops	9:15 Presentations / workshops	9:15 Presentations / workshops
10:45 Presentations / workshops	10:45 Presentations / workshops	10:45 Presentations / workshops
12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch, Giveaway & Closing
1:15 Presentations / workshops	1:15 Presentations / workshops	
2:45 Presentations / workshops	2:45 Presentations / workshops	
4:15 Free time	4:15 Free time	
5:00 Dinner	5:00 Dinner	
7:00 Talent show	7:00 Jiingtamok / pow wow	
9:00 Anishinaabe Musical Band "Niksaan and the Guys"	9:30 Anishinaabe Musical Band "Niksaan and the Guys"	

These presentations are for all ages. We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp in memory of those that were punished for using Anishinaabemowin in school as they were growing up. First come, first serve for the camping area. This gathering will take place at the pow wow grounds in Manistee Mi. at the corner of M 22 and US 31 S across from the Casino. There are showers on site. Bring your Nation Flag and we will display it to show unity of our language and culture. We encourage every family to bring a gift for the giveaway.

Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe Nation

For more information please call

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Anishinaabe Language Hotline

People & professions	Press 1
Verbs on cooking	Press 2
More verbs	Press 3
Word opposites	Press 4
Verbs	Press 5
Word opposites	Press 6

1-877-789-0993

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My family members	Press 8
Your family members	Press 9
His/her family members	Press 10
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- Appropriate for all age levels
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- Over 8 minutes of video: "Introduction to Anishinaabemowin", "Medicine Bear" and "My Family"
- Anishinaabe Cultural Information and Historical Facts



The Enrollment Department has had many inquiries regarding an effort by an unrecognized band of Ottawa Indians that is attempting to gain recognition in Michigan. Please be aware that enrolling with another federally recognized (BIA) Native American/Indian tribe disqualifies you from membership in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for a period of five (5) years.

Miigwetch,
Enrollement Department
Office Phone: 231-398-6713
Office hrs: 8am- 5pm Monday-Friday

JOHN PETE



Our fourth veteran to be interviewed is John Pete. John was born to John and Helen Pete, in Manistee Michigan. John is one of four children and is the only boy; he has three sisters Mary Mcaulley, Lillian Varney, and Elsie Waite. On August 21st 1948, John and Phyllis were married; they have now been married for 56 years. John and his wife Phyllis have been blessed with 7 children: Ken, Sherry, Kevin, Debbie, Bryan, Steven, and David; and 13 grandchildren: Taylor, Amy, Lisa, Lynn, Josh, Chelsea, Rhonda, Bridget, Jason, Sarah, Jesse, Jenny, and 10 great-grandchildren.

John served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was stationed in Illinois he served time on the USS Eliot, USS Admiral WS Sims, and the USS Chevalier. All were located in the South Pacific (theater).

John received the American Area ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Ribbon.

John worked as a bricklayer and a stonemason. He is one of the best stonemasons in the area, when contractors needed a good mason they called John.

John's hobbies are; hunting, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren. John is an Elder of our Tribe and a member of the Warrior Society. He is also a member of the American Legion and of the VFW.

Thank you to all veterans for securing for us the Freedoms and Rights the world enjoys today!

HELP!!!! STORIES WANTED!!!!

My name is Chuck Warren, younger son of Cecilia Warren nee Antoine. I now live in Scotland, just outside of Glasgow. I have developed a reputation in the local area as a Storyteller. I go to local schools and try to correct some of the errors in what the children of central Scotland know about our people. Unfortunately, I only know a few stories from our tradition and would like to learn more. I am therefore asking the tribe for your help. I would be very grateful if members who know any traditional stories and legends could send me a copy. Nanabush stories are really appreciated by the kids but they are eager for any stories I can tell them. I would also like to learn any traditional games that our ancestors played besides Lacrosse. Thanks in advance for your help. You can contact Chuck by mail at: Charles Warren, 30 Appledore Cres., Bothwell, South Lanarkshire (Scotland) G71 8HX or by e-mail at: Wchuckwarren@aol.com

*Megwetch,
Chuck Warren*

1st Moby Reunion Summer of 2006 SEEKING DESCENDANTS AND RELATIVES OF:

*Joseph and Susan
(Ka-zan (or) Shift-aw-zaw) Sands?*

Moby and their children:

*1. James and Lucy Ainsh-tawaw-sung (ostie) Moby and their children:
Mitchel Moby
Nancy Moby
Emma Moby Koon and Samuel Koon (coon)
Mary Ann Moby Carrier
Frank Moby
Andrew Moby
Eunice Moby
Henry Moby*

*2. Andrew and Polly Sands and their children:
Lizzie Sands
Walter Sands
Silas Sands
Peter and Lynda Sands Riley and children Nora and Lila Riley
Daisy Greenbird
Walker Sands*

Not much is known about this family as they were Susan Moby's by her first husband name unknown.

*3. Joseph and Mary Lahay (Lake)
Moby and their children
Al and Rosie Moby Ray
John and Lizzie Moby Bonner
David and Eliza Webb Moby
Frank and Moby Husted
Moses and Catherine Duverney*

4. Eddie and Mary Moby Hall (1st wife) and their son Joseph Hall
*5. Foster and Angeline Moby Crampton and their children:
Lydia Crampton
James Crampton
Louis Crampton
Lizzie Crampton
Tom Crampton
Martha Crampton*

*6. Smith and Elizabeth Moby Hinman and their children:
Martha Hinman
Elizabeth Hinman
Gus and Mary Antonie Hinman
Alex and Lucy Hinman Parow
Wallace and Alice Hinman James*

Please send your names, addresses, email addresses, ideas, and phone #'s if possible to:

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*We're Cousins
Any stepchildren-1/2 sisters and brothers-adopted or 2nd. or 3rd families are all welcomed. Lets make this a fun family event.*

Remembering the Past....

Submitted by Valerie Chandler, Tribal Historic Preservation Coordinator

"Ottawa Indians Host Celebration"

By Jake Kowalski, Staff Writer

(Re-printed from the Manistee News Advocate, October 14, 1994)

Federal recognition came to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians on September 21. On that Wednesday, President Clinton signed into law a bill that reaffirmed the federal status of the Little River Band, which is based in Manistee, and two other Michigan tribes. This Sunday, the Little River Band will be sponsoring two celebrations in honor of the recognition. The first, from 1-4 p.m., is a potluck dinner for invited guests and tribal members. The second, from 4-6 p.m., is a reception for the general public. Both events are being held in Manistee's Knights of Columbus Hall. "This thing has gotten so big," said Diane Lonn, enrollment officer for the band, about the potluck. Lonn said at least 250 people are expected to show up for the event. Some tribal members will be traveling from as far away as Green Bay, Wis. "It's a tribute to the elders and the previous board members," said Lonn. "It's going to be very nice." Lonn explained that the potluck's invited guests are people "that have helped us along the

way." At the dinner, a drum team will be performing and several speeches will be made. For children, face painting and pumpkin painting activities will be available. Lonn said that the open house, "The public can come in and talk to the different elders and get acquainted with us." She said she expected a good turnout for the reception. Lonn said that local non-Indians have been very receptive to the idea of contributing something for the celebration. "I can't believe the gifts we've gotten from local merchants," she said. "I didn't realize that the merchants would be so generous and so giving." Lonn was asked what she thought of the merchants' generosity. "It makes me feel good," she said. "It makes me feel good to be a part of the community." On Wednesday, Lonn said that all of the feedback that she has received about Sunday's events have been positive. "Some of the people have said that they felt that we should have gotten (the recognition) a long time ago," she said.



Steve Medacco - 1994

"Tribe Celebrates a New Beginning"

By Jake Kowalski, Staff Writer

(Re-printed from the Manistee News Advocate, October 17, 1994)



LRBOI Elders - October, 1994

A ceremony held Sunday to celebrate the end of a 120-year struggle was referred to as just a beginning. Just a beginning for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians who, after decades of work, were federally recognized three weeks ago. Now, however, they have to begin the task of governing the tribe in the modern age. "It's incredible the distance that the tribe has covered in the last five years and it's incredible the distance that it has to go," said Jim McClurken, an expert on the history of Great Lakes Indians who gathered documentation to support the tribe's claim for recognition.

McClurken was one of about 400 people crowded in Manistee's Knights of Columbus Hall on Sunday for the recognition ceremony. After the celebration was finished, which was for invited guests and tribal members, an open house for the

celebration seemed to think that the federal recognition was long overdue. "We've been seeking this for many years now," said tribal member Jerry Koon. "We've been waiting for this for years, too many years."

Tribal member Kathie Glocheski said federal recognition is "something that we have fought for for many years and (now) it has finally come true." She was asked if she thought this day was ever going to come. "We were hoping that it would but we had to fight a long time." In a speech he made, McClurken said that the tribal community was powerful because of the bonds of kinship among members of the community and the knowledge its elders had. "And

general public was held. Mark, Dougher, the executive director of the tribe, which is based in Manistee, said that he was impressed with the way the day's events turned out. "I think it has been wonderful," he said. "Better than we could've imagined. There are Indian people here from all over the state." Many people attending the

this is a powerful community because you're here today," he added.

A great sense of accomplishment is what tribal chairman Dan Bailey said he felt Sunday. "We have finally brought it to a close today," he said. "This accomplishment dictates the fact that we are now a new nation, a new society." During the recognition celebration, tribal elders were recognized and applauded for their years of dedication to the cause. A drum team performed, kids played games, and many people smiled. And the theme of "Don't forget the past" was brought up several times. "By forgetting the past we could cause the same thing to happen all over again," said Connie Waitner, a tribal member. She said the recognition "puts us in a whole different category now." Like many others, tribal member Robert Theodore said that he thought federal recognition was overdue.



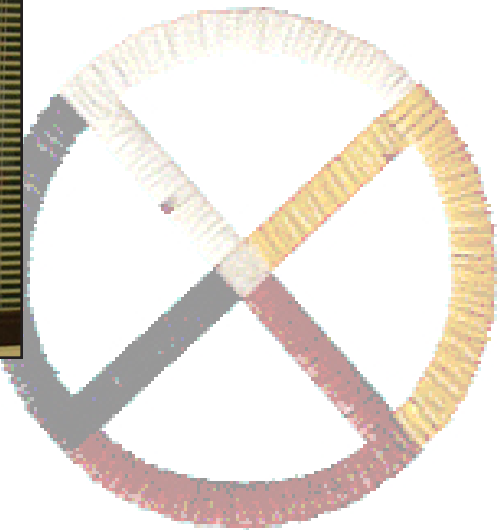
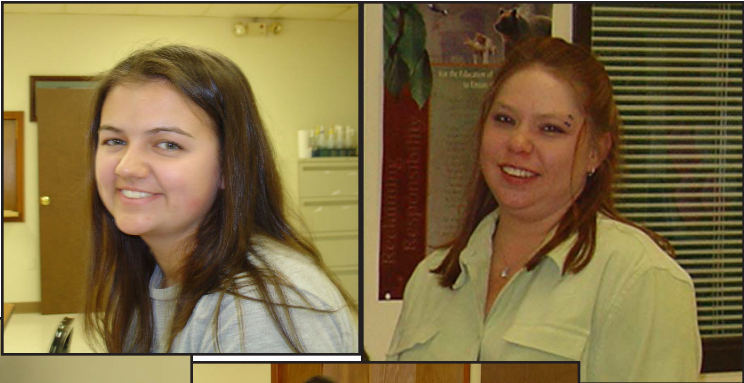
Sema - Tobacco



Sema - One of the many gifts from Creator. Sema is sacred to Anishnaabe. It provides spiritual strength, guidance, discipline, and protection. If not used properly, Sema can make us sick. Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health youth prevention program is holding an after school workshop to educate our youth about the difference in uses and misuses of Sema. We have had several teachings about ways to respect and use Sema the Anishnaabe way.

Be-Da-Bin would like to thank those who are participating and sharing their time with us and our teachers: Jay Sam, Kenny Pheasant, Steve Lewis.

Submitted by Julie Wolfe



Be-Da-Bin has chosen not to publish the names of the participants.



Upcoming events

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|------|----------------------------------|
| May | Drum Teaching |
| June | Medicine Wheel Planting |
| July | Wellness Walk
Family Olympics |

For more information you can contact:

Julie Wolfe
Youth Prevention Worker

Be-Da-Bin also offers other community services to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians;

*Outpatient Substance Abuse Services
Outpatient Mental Health Services
Prevention Services*

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Region Four Community Services		Center for Women in Transition	
	Crisis (800) 950-5808		Crisis (616) 392-1970
			Or (800) 848-5991
MANISTEE COUNTY		WEXFORD COUNTY	
CHOICES		OASIS/Family Resource Center	
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MUSKEGON COUNTY		LRBOI Domestic Violence	
Every Women's Place		Prevention Program	
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LITTLE RIVER BAND WATER TOWER GROUND BREAKING



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Tribal Water Tower following the Spring Membership Meeting on April 23rd. The ground-breaking ceremony took place at a spot NW of the Neuland building (Tribal Public Safety/Courts) on the rise about 50 yards from the building. Chuck Fisher (Housing Director) spoke of the significance of the event and how important this was to the burgeoning housing development at Aki. The tower will also supply the Little River Casino, other tribal buildings in the area and local residents. This latter group could include businesses that build in the area of the casino in the near future.

Ogema Lee Sprague and about 30 brave souls came out for the ground-breaking on a day when the cold, wet wind kept most people inside. The planning for this project has been 5 years in the making. Estimates for completion were not available at press time.



John Anderson, Lee Sprague, Chuck Fisher



Kenny Pheasant, John Anderson, Lee Sprague, Garry Lewis, Chuck Fisher, and Dan Shepard.

Tribal Members Participating in the Water Tower Ground Breaking Ceremony.



INLAND LAKE FISH COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS

The Inland Fisheries program would like to begin to expand its work on lakes within the 1836 Ceded Territory. The addition of a new electrofishing boat will aid in conducting surveys on lakes which previously could not be sampled. Based on a number of different criterions inland lakes within the 1836 Ceded Territory will be selected to be sampled. Criteria for selecting lakes are based on the results from the 2003 Natural Resources Survey, fishing pressure by Tribal members, location within the 1836 Reservation and Ceded Territory, and previous work conducted by other agencies. Since many of the lakes chosen to be sampled have not been studied in recent years, it is necessary to gain knowledge regarding the current fish community. Conducting large-scales assessments of the fish community will provide the Inland Fisheries program with a background for making future management decisions.

Lake assessments are planned to begin in early May and continue through August. If you would like to learn more about the inland lake assessments please contact Justin Chiotti at (231) 723-1594 or by email at jchiotti@lrboi.com.



**NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
TRAINING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Wildland Fire Training
January 10 –13 (3 days)

*John Grocholski
Robert Sanders*

100-Ton Master Captain License Certification
March 11-22 (12 days)

*Ken LaHaye
Mike Snyder*

Wildlife Chemical Immobilization Class
March 13-18 (7 days)

*Robert Sanders
John Grocholski
Karen Karash*

NMÉ – THE GREAT LAKES' STURGEON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Once thriving in the great lakes, the large and powerful Nmé would get caught in fishing nets and tear them to shreds; the unwanted fish were left to die and rot, or were burnt in piles on the sandy shores of the lakes by frustrated fishermen throughout the mid 1800s.

In the 1860s, Nmé was found to be more profitable than originally thought. Its oil could be used to make paint and its meat and eggs (caviar) could actually be eaten. This led to a massive exploitation of the great sturgeon. By 1929, the Sturgeon population almost



tors in limiting the recovery of lake sturgeon. Sturgeon spawn in upstream rapids of large rivers and their migration routes to many historic spawning sites were blocked when hydropower and industrial development blossomed in the early 1900s.

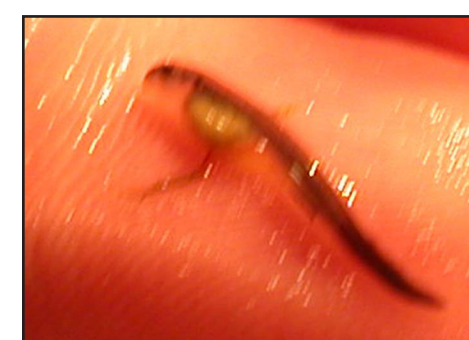
Each spring these fish come to spawn over a period of two to three weeks in fast waters along the few remaining unre-

part of. This philosophy requires profound respect for the environment we are a part of and recognition that all things are connected. Regardless of the vast abundance of natural resources the Anishinaabek had within their grasp (pre-European contact), they still maintained a conservative approach to their harvesting practices. They were ever mindful that the balance of nature was – and still is – in a constant state of change.

The LRBOI Conservation Department Stewardship Plan represents the tribe's holistic management approach to address not only the Manistee River where nmé return to spawn, but also the entire river watershed and Great Lakes Basin. The plan is aimed not only at reclaiming and rehabilitating nmé, but also to providing for the general health and improvement of the animal and plant Peoples that reside within the watershed. It incorporates both cultural and biological criteria for establishing goals for restoration of the Manistee River nmé population. An LRBOI Cultural Context Task Group, composed of tribal members and appropriate staff, addresses the cultural context. Tribal biologists developed the biological criteria to be consistent and ultimately driven by the cultural context. The LRBOI currently

is participating in the Lake Michigan Lake Sturgeon Task Group that is charged with developing a management plan for sturgeon in the Lake Michigan Basin. Tribal staff developed the biological components of the LRBOI Plan to harmonize with the basin-wide plan and strategies. Minimum population sizes and stocking numbers set out in this Plan are consistent with the basin plan.

“River connectivity is a phrase which is lived by sturgeon. An-



Nmé - hatchling

cient beings whose presence graced the stories, songs, and memories of countless generations of people, they were banished by greed... they are returning to the rivers and lakes of our region, returning in their own glory. And as they return, they teach us all a lesson – the lesson of river connectivity, and our own relationship with each other. That lesson, I believe is that we can begin the process of undoing some of what we have done to each other, and that we are all ultimately connected.”

- Winona La Duke, 2000

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Nmé in basin at rearing facility

completely depleted, commercial and sport fishing of Nmé was closed, but it was late in the fight for this ancient fish. Nmé has used its unique characteristics to survive long after the dinosaurs; it lives a very long life (up to 150 years), it is very big (8 + feet), and it does not have the ability to reproduce until it is quite old (15 to 25 years for males and about 25 years for females). Once they reach maturity, males only spawn once every 2-5 years and females every 5-9 years. Although these particularities have contributed to Nmé's survival over millions of years, these same qualities have made it difficult for Nmé to overcome the decimation of its population. In 75 years, it has recovered very little from the relentless harvest of commercial fishing.

Destruction of the habitat necessary for juvenile growth, and damming of rivers used for spawning were also major fac-

stricted rivers.

The Manistee Watershed may once have held one of the largest nmé populations on the Lake Michigan Basin. From times immemorial, the Anishinaabek revered the nmé and looked forward to the annual rite of Spring when they would reunite on the banks of the Manistee River for the nmé runs. Today, the nmé come back to the Manistee embattled – the few that remain can be called survivors. The dwindling number of nmé is cause for great distress among the Anishinaabek, nmé represents an important part of the culture of all the peoples of the Great Lakes, it is a part of the integrity of the Manistee River watershed and an indicator of the health of all the species that live therein. The focus of the Anishinaabek culture has been, not on ownership of the land, but on harmony with the land, air, water that we are a



SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held their Spring Membership meeting at the Three Fires Conference Center on Saturday, April 23rd.

This meeting started off with members visiting booths from the various departments of the tribal government, which were set up in the hall outside the

conference room. The booths had exhibits and displays about the work each department accomplishes in their day-to-day activities.

Members of the departments' staff were also available at the booths to answer Tribal Members questions about their work. In some cases, brochures were available for members to take with them.

The membership then gathered in the Three Fires Conference rooms for an hour-long video presentation from the various department directors. Each of the directors talked about their

Joe Laporte & Israel Stone serving food to the Membership



department mission, their staff and the various department accomplishments and activities over the last six months. The video was produced by the Public Information Department using the videography skills of Tribal Member Mack (last name Case? Check it) and in cooperation with the Tribal Historical Department, Director Jay Sam.

Next on the program was a detailed presentation by CFO Duane Hopkins on the financial state of the tribe. Through an extensive Power Point presentation, Mr. Hopkins informed the assembled Tribal Members on the financial situation and results of the primary enterprise of the tribe.

After lunch, Ogema Lee Sprague and CFO Duane Hopkins had a presentation on a Per Cap plan with a detailed study of various levels of per cap to be considered. The information was presented to give members a good overview of how the concept of per cap could work, given the financial condition of the tribe. Included was an analysis of the potential competitive impact of the Gun Lake and Battle Creek Native Gaming casinos that could be coming on line within the next year and a half.

Last on the meeting calendar was the popular gift giving

conducted by the Ogema and his staff. Many prizes were given out to members.

Tribal Members were also invited to go out to the Neuland Building for the ground-breaking ceremony for the Tribal Water Tower. Final approvals to this five-year long project have been received and with this ceremony, construction can now begin. (See related story this issue)

*By Glenn Zaring
Public Information Director*



Ogema Lee Sprague addressing the Membership

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Sturgeon on scale in rearing facility.

Here are some of the goals toward stewardship that the Natural Resources Inland Fisheries Program has established;

- Restore the harmony and connectivity between nmé and the Anishinaabek and bring them both back to the river;
- Restore the nmé and reclaim the environment on which it depends for future generations of nmé and Anishinaabek in perpetuity;

- Emphasize strategies that promote natural reproduction and a healthy watershed;
- Protect tribal sovereignty and treaty rights.

25 year target goal: Establish a self-sustaining, naturally reproducing nmé population, with at least 750 nmé capable of spawning, even though not all would spawn in a common year. The population would be comprised of females 20-70, and males 12-55.

7 Generation Target Goal: Return the population to pre-1836 levels and/or to the contemporary carrying capacity of the Manistee River. The adult population would be comprised of females from age 20-70, and males of age 12-55.

The Inland Fisheries Program recognizes that nmé are a part

of the Anishinaabek spiritual and cultural identity. Because the LRBOI population is growing, the need for nmé is more important than ever. Here are a few quotes from Tribal Members that capture the cultural importance of nmé;

“The Sturgeon were the buffalo of the Odawa people.” - Jimmie Mitchell

“When putting the sturgeon back in the river I felt it was one of the most meaningful acts the LRBOI has done. It was very emotional.” - Marcella Leusby, referring to last year's sturgeon release.

“You will not have the privilege to catch this fish.” - Jerome Pheasant, quoting his father's concern over the disappearing nmé.

The Little River Currents will continue to bring you information on the progress of this program throughout the summer.

Chi Migwetch to Marty Holtgren for supplying the information for this article.

Migwetch to the Inland Fisheries Program for all their hard work and dedication.

Information was also obtained from the Native Fish Conservatory and from the The Benthic Habitat program.

For more information on the nmé and what you can do to help, you can contact the Natural Resources Inland Fisheries Program by e-mail at:

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- Emily Drouin
Public Information
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A Members Guide to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court

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Court Administrator:	Deborah Miller
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The Clerk’s office is usually the first stop in any civil proceeding. The clerk has various forms available that may be required to file before beginning a civil suit. The court staff is prohibited from providing legal advice but can help guide you on how to complete the forms. (The legal department of the Tribe has contracted with attorney Nancy Kida to provide Tribal members with legal advice and assistance.) The fee to begin a civil case is \$50.00. An affidavit is available for anyone who would have a hardship in paying this fee. The fee may be reduced or waived by the Judge depending on the information submitted on the affidavit form.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court can hear a wide range of civil matters, including divorces, child custody disputes, and various *small claim* issues. The Court can issue a personal protection order to help someone in an abusive relationship or in dealing with harassment.

Our Tribal Court exists for the benefit of the members. Pro se litigants (people representing themselves) will be treated with respect. Our court can provide efficient, inexpensive solutions to the problems of Tribal members. We have a pamphlet available with the meanings of the most commonly used legal terms used in our court. This may help alleviate some of the fears that people have when dealing with the judicial system.

Peacemaking is also a part of Tribal Court. They deal mainly with juveniles, but are available to help solve problems or differences between people, using traditional dispute resolution methods. They have been used in employee issues and have also done child custody mediations with great success.

We are located at 3031 Domres Road in Manistee, just a mile and a half north of the Casino via M-22. Please feel free to come out and tour the facilities.

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WILDFIRE

As the population grows in rural counties, people are choosing more and more often to build their homes in traditionally natural areas. This encroaching development creates conditions that increase the risk of wildfire. Once a wildfire is ignited, there is little an individual homeowner can do to prevent damage or destruction of their property. Since 1970, over 10,000 homes and 20,000 other structures in the U.S. have been destroyed by severe wildland fire, which is called a “wildland/urban interface fire” when it occurs in residential areas. Though many of these losses have occurred during large wildfires in western states, the potential for wildfire and the resultant loss of property, natural resources, and life are real here in northern Michigan. According to the Michigan

Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Michigan experiences 8,000 to 10,000 wildfires annually. Although wildfires can occur during spring, summer, or fall, the majority of them happen during the months of March, April, and May. At that time of year, existing vegetation is dead, brown, and combustible. Residents are raking leaves and collecting yard waste that has accumulated over the winter. The MDNR estimates that one-third to one-half of Michigan wildfires are caused by people burning debris. While wildfire can destroy or damage a home in many ways, there are simple practices that homeowners can apply to protect their property. Establishing thirty feet of defensible space around the home, using fire-resistant roofing, keeping leaves and litter cleaned out

beneath decks and in gutters can greatly reduce the chance of a building catching fire. After a successful pilot effort was implemented from 2002-2004 in southern Michigan, the Michigan Firewise Communities Program has been expanded statewide. Seven counties/areas including Manistee, Wexford, Ottawa, Muskegon, Clare, Western UP, and Eastern UP have been selected to participate in the expanded program this year. MSU Extension offices in these counties will receive grant funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to enable identified Extension staff to provide wildfire education to local residents. Manistee County MSU Extension director, Elaine Bush, with the assistance of local DNR and U.S. Forest Service fire prevention specialists, is

available to provide presentations to groups interested in learning how to protect existing structures and design future construction to reduce wildfire risk. The grant funds have enabled the Manistee County Extension office to purchase a laptop computer and projector as well as a variety of educational materials produced by the Firewise Communities program, a national partnership of governmental agencies, private companies, and professional associations. Initially, Bush will target homeowner associations and local units of government. For more information about the Firewise program, contact the Manistee County MSU Extension office at 889-4277. You may also want to visit the Firewise website at www.firewise.org for tips on making your home and community “Firewise”.

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May 3, 2005
Emily Drouin, Public Information Specialist

Election Board
Unofficial Election Results

Memorandum

**Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Election - April 29, 2005**

UNOFFICIAL RESULTS (*CERTIFIED MAY 9TH, 2005*)

The Election results posted here are tentative results. Final results shall be forwarded by the Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians Election Board to the Tribal Ogema, the Tribal Council and Tribal Court via a Final Report after the scheduled time for recount petitions and challenges has lapsed, or after all challenges or recounts have been completed, whichever is longer.
Signed:

Mark Bowen

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Virginia Lenartowicz



TRIBAL COUNCIL NINE	TOTAL	%
KIMBERLEY M. ALEXANDER	161	9.32
LORETTA J. BECCARIA	83	4.81
CAROL A. WAHR-BENNETT	78	4.52
CANDACE CHAPMAN	47	2.72
BRIDGET COLE	36	2.08
JANIS A. COMPEAU	32	1.85
BERNADENE CRAMPTON	62	3.59
DEBRA DAVIS	31	1.80
MACHELE L. GIBBS	19	1.10
BRIAN GIBSON	61	3.53
BEN HAMILTON	17	0.98
SHELLY LYNN KEQUAM	55	3.18
MARTHA MICKO KASE	56	3.24
STEVEN JOBES, JR.	17	0.98
TAMMY KLEEMAN-BROWN	32	1.85
DON KOON	113	6.54
PAMELA S. MEDAHKO	66	3.82
JIMMIE MITCHELL	27	1.56
SHERMAN M. MOORE	25	1.45
PATSY L. MORRIS	98	5.67
JUDITH A. NEDEAU	40	2.32
STEVE PARSONS	137	7.93
AL PATRICIO	19	1.10
JERRY RAMSEY, SR.	39	2.26
DANIEL M. SHEPARD	65	3.76
JOAN K. SPALDING	53	3.07
RICK M. SPRAGUE	39	2.26
JOSHUA C. STONE	47	2.72
TERESA A. WABSIS	42	2.43
BILL WILLIS	86	4.98
JEREMY (DEACON) WILSON	44	2.55
TRIBAL COUNCIL AT-LARGE	TOTAL	%
JESSICA L. BURGER	129	12.06
VALERIE G. CHANDLER	81	7.57
SHANNON PAUL CRAMPTON	295	27.57
“GISISS” BOB HARDENBURGH	251	23.46
MICK MOORE	105	9.81
PATRICIA A. RUITER	209	19.53

TRIBAL COUNCIL OUT-LYING	TOTAL	%
MARY BOWER	85	17.75
NORBERT J. KELSEY	211	44.05
DARRIN R. GRIFFITH	36	7.52
LISA M. Mc CATTY	60	12.53
MELISSA ZELENAK	87	18.16
ELECTION BOARD	UNAPPOSED	
ALESIA CONDON		
BERNI L. CARLSON		
SANDY LEMPKE		
PEGGY J. VRIESMAN		

COURT OF APPEALS	TOTAL	%
RYAN L. CHAMPAGNE	324	30.86
TIM CHANDLER	112	10.67
KIMBERLY CRAMPTON	273	26.00
JULES HANSLOVSKY	135	12.86
KEN LA HAYE	206	19.62

Ineligible to Vote	Nine County / At Large	6
Issued Ballot to New Voter	At - Large	1
Rejected	At - Large	1
Returned Mail – In Ballot	Nine County	600
	At - Large	491
Undeliverable	Nine County	16
	At - Large	38
Unsigned Mail – In Ballot	Nine County	5
	At - Large	16
Total Records Logged on Friday April 29, 2005		1174

May 2005

- May 6~15
Women Festival
Manistee, Michigan
LRBOI participation includes many events at the Three Fires Conference Center, Little River Casino, Art exhibits and demonstrations and lectures.
For more information, contact the Manistee County Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1.877.626.4783 or locally in Manistee County at 231.398.9355.
- May 7
Warrior Society
Manistee, Michigan LRBOI Community Center meetings are held the first Saturday of each month 10 am. For further information please call Al Medacco @ 231-464-5052.
- May 7
Elders Meetings
Manistee, Michigan LRBOI Community Center contact June Sam 231-398-6709
- May 29~30
Artrain USA
Ludington, Michigan
Ludington Area Arts Council, Artrain USA Ludington Steering Committee
Ludington Area Arts Council president, Bill Carpenter at 231-843-9792 (BillCB747@aol.com)
Artrain USA steering committee co-chairs, Derik Heimerdinger at 231/843-6361 and Sally Richards at 231/845-8100 (reader@t-one.net)
Glenn Zaring, public information director, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, at 231/723-8288 (gzaring@lrboi.com)
Bill Kerans, Artrain USA promotions committee, at 231-845-3658 (wkerans@hotmail.com)
Artrain USA: 800/ART-1971; www.ArtrainUSA.org

May
Tribal Council Meeting

- May 4, 2005
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street / Bank building- Third floor10AM
For further information, please contact Kathleen Block @ 231-398-6845or kblock@lrboi.com
- May 11, 2005
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street / Bank building- Third floor10AM
For further information, please contact Kathleen Block @ 231-398-6845or kblock@lrboi.com
- May 18, 2005
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street / Bank building- Third floor10AM
For further information, please contact Kathleen Block @ 231-398-6845or kblock@lrboi.com
- May 25, 2005
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street / Bank building- Third floor10AM
For further information, please contact Kathleen Block @ 231-398-6845orkblock@lrboi.com

May
Cultural Preservation Committee Meetings

- May 3, 2005
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
Public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Tribal Historic Preservation at 231-398-9363 or email cpc@lrboi.com.
- May10, 2005
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
Public is welcome to attend. For more informa-

tion, please contact Tribal Historic Preservation at 231-398-9363 or email cpc@lrboi.com.

- May 17, 2005
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
Public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Tribal Historic Preservation at 231-398-9363 or email cpc@lrboi.com.
- May 24, 2005
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
Public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Tribal Historic Preservation at 231-398-9363 or email cpc@lrboi.com.
- May 31, 2005
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
Public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Tribal Historic Preservation at 231-398-9363 or email cpc@lrboi.com.

June
Calendar of Events

- June 1, 2005
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street / Bank building- Third floor10AM
For further information, please contact Kathleen Block @ 231-398-6845or kblock@lrboi.com
- June 7, 2005
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
Public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Valerie Chandler @cpc@lrboi.com or call 231-398-9363
- June 8, 2005
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street / Bank building- Third floor10AM
For further information, please contact Kathleen Block @ 231-398-6845or kblock@lrboi.com
- June 10~12,2005
The Bay Mills Indian Community will be hosting it's 14th Annual Honoring Our Veterans Competition Pow Wow June 10th to June 12th Bay Mills Pow Wow at the Bay Mills ball field. There will be over \$14,000. in dance prize money. The tribe will also be hosting it's first Annual St. Mary's river Drum Competition, with over \$9,000 in prize money. (Picture identification required to compete for dance or drum.) Native American vendors only. Call for Rates. For more information contact Angie Johnson @906-248-3241, ext. 1106, or Irma Parrish @906-248-3241 Ext. 3160.
- June 11, 2005
Grand Rapids, Michigan The 10th Annual Native American Walk for Sobriety will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2005 at 8:00AM, at the Sixth Street Bridge Park in Grand Rapids. Following a brief ceremony with local Native American speakers, participants will start the 2.5-mile walk along Monroe Ave., and proceed down to the Three Fires Pow-Wow Grounds at riverside Park. Prizes will be awarded to walkers. For more information call Liz Isllak 616-458-4078
- June 14, 2005
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
Public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Valerie Chandler @ cpc@lrboi.com or call 231-398-9363
- June 15, 2005
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street / Bank

building- Third floor10AM
For further information, please contact Kathleen Block @ 231-398-6845or kblock@lrboi.com

- June 17~19
6th Annual River Bank Walk /Traditional Pow Wow
Bank POW Wow Public Invited – free admission. Louis Adado River Front Park. For more information, contact Robin or Eva @517-543-7236 or email: riverbankpowow@yahoo.com .For vendor information contact Roy Cole or Roy Jr. @571-543-7153 or at cole@ia4u.net
- June 18, 2005
Tribal Council Meeting (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street / Bank building- Third floor10AM
For further information, please contact Kathleen Block @ 231-398-6845or kblock@lrboi.com
- June 18-19, 2005
Two Worlds Lodge Spring Gathering & Medicine Bear Lodge Rendezvous Reed City, Michigan For further information, please contact Betty Hyatt @ 218-924-4018 or Pedersen's @ 269-278-2151 or Email josh240@voyager.net
- June 11, 2005
Homecoming of the Three Fires Pow Wow
26th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
Grand Rapids, Michigan Riverside Park, Monroe Avenue – Free Admission and Free Parking
Dancer's grand entry times are Saturday June 11 at 1:00pm and 6:00pm and again on Sunday, June 12 at 12:00 noon. The celebration will conclude by 4:30 pm Sunday afternoon. For further information, please contact N. Joe Leo @ (616) 458-8759
- June 12, 2005
Homecoming of the Three Fires Pow Wow
26th Annual Traditional Pow Wow
Grand Rapids, Michigan Riverside Park, Monroe Avenue – Free Admission and Free Parking
Dancer's grand entry times are Saturday June 11 at 1:00pm and 6:00pm and again on Sunday, June 12 at 12:00 noon. The celebration will conclude by 4:30 pm Sunday afternoon. For further information, please contact N. Joe Leo @ (616) 458-8759
- June 21, 2005
Cultural Preservation Committee (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee, Michigan 375 River Street /Bank Building-Third Floor, Dome Room 5pm
Public is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Valerie Chandler @cpc@lrboi.com or call 231-398-9363

July
Calendar of Events

- July 29, 2005
Language Camp (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee Michigan for further information, please contact Kenny Pheasant @ 231-690-3508
- July 30, 2005
Language Camp (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee Michigan for further information, please contact Kenny Pheasant @ 231-690-3508
- July 31, 2005
Language Camp (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)
Manistee Michigan for further information, please contact Kenny Pheasant @ 231-690-3508



Photo IDs and redeeming coupons

Guests, including Tribal Members will be asked to show their valid photo ID in order to redeem cash coupons or other promotional offers. They will be asked for their ID at the Players Club, at the cashiers, the food outlets, and at the hotel. This will be strictly enforced and without an ID they will not be able to redeem their offers.

Hilarious Humpday 2005 Line up	
June 1	Dave Dyer
	Connie Ettinger
June 8	Mike Armstrong
	Rico Bruce Wade
June 15	Brian Noonan
	Rich Aronovitch
June 22	Steve Iott
June 29	Robert York
July 6	Scott Novotny
	Ralph Tetta
July 13	Lord Carrett
	James Dunn
July 20	Rik Roberts
	Dean Mink
July 27	Scott Bruce
	Brad Tassell
August 3	Costaki Economopolous
	Dan Kaufman
August 10	Mike Green
	Cal Verduchi
August 17	Dennis Sheehe
August 24	J.R. Remick

MAY – AUGUST GROVE ENTERTAINMENT:

May 20	Mississippi Heat	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
May 21	Mississippi Heat	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
May 23	Watkoski Family Band	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
May 27	Drop 35	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
May 28	Drop 35	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
May 29	Drop 35	Memorial Day Show	9pm – 1am
May 30	Rodney Beyer & His	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
June 3	Mac Daddy	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
June 4	Mac Daddy	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
June 6	Virgil Baker’s Just4Fun	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
June 10	Heaters	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
June 11	Heaters	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
June 13	Linda Lee	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
June 17	CP2	Weekend Entertain	9pm – 1am
June 18	CP2	Weekend Entertain	9pm – 1am
June 19	The Diamonds		
June 20	Ken HawkinsPolkaBand	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
June 24	Brian Schram Band	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1pm
June 25	Brian Schram Band	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
June 27	Watkoski Family Band	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
July 1	Beach Bums	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
July 2	Beach Bums	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
July 3	Summer Sing-a-Long	July 4th Celebration	9pm – 1am
July 4	Virgil Baker’s Just 4 Fun	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
July 8	Soul Express	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
July 9	Soul Express	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
July 11	Rodney Beyer & His	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
July 15	Risque	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
July 16	Risque	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
July 18	Andy Nester Orchestra	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
July 22	Lanise Kirk	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
July 23	Lanise Kirk	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
July 25	Jerry Robtka Band Polka	Monday	Noon – 4pm
July 29	Bottoms UP	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
July 30	Bottoms UP	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
August 1	Ken Hawkins	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
August 5	Sugar Smax	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
August 6	Sugar Smax	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
August 8	Diddle Styx	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
August 12	Randy Martin’s Classic Soul	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
August 13	Randy Martin’s Classic Soul	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
August 15	Andy Nester Orchestra	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
August 19	Calling Marvin	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
August 20	Calling Marvin	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
August 22	Rodney Beyer & His	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm
August 26	Drop 35	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
August 27	Drop 35	Weekend Entertain.	9pm – 1am
August 29	Virgil Baker’s Just 4 Fun	Polka Monday	Noon – 4pm

LEE GREENWOOD: July 15, 2005

Two shows; 6pm and 9pm/Three Fires Conference Center/\$35 tickets

Tickets are not on sale as of yet. When they go on sale they will be available at our Gift Shop or on line at www.starticketsplus.com Lee Greenwood is a country music artist. He is best known for his song, “God Bless the U.S.A.” I will let you know when the tickets for this show goes on sale.

Currents Submission Coupon

Please fill out the following coupon, cut it out, and mail it to; Little River Currents 375 River St., Manistee, MI 49660

Dedications we receive will be published in the next available newspaper issue.

Name: Tribal ID #:

Daytime Phone #:

Birthday/Belated Birthday

Anniversary/Wedding

Birth Announcement

School/College Achievement

Other

Write your dedication text out completely, for example: “Happy 60th Anniversary, Aunt Mary and Uncle Harry, April 1, 2004. From your family and friends.” Dedications are printed EXACTLY as printed in the box below.

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
2005 COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MEMBERS AND TERMS

Cultural Preservation Committee

Mary Thomas 05/05/06
Melissa Zelenak 05/05/06
Steve Lewis 09/20/07
Stella Gibson 09/20/07
Jerry Ramsey – Chair 05/05/06
Israel Stone - Liaison

Education Committee

Dissolved 12/22/04

Elders Committee

Margery Lutz – Acting Chair
Donna VanderKooi
Alyce Giltz
Loretta Beccaria
Joe Kelsey
Dan Stewart
Elaine Porter - Liaison

Health Board

Lisa McCatty
Janine Sam
Elaine Porter - Liaison

Binojeeuk Commission

Joan Spalding 09/20/05
Vacant 09/20/05
William Memberto 09/20/07
Kimberly Alexander 09/20/07
Lisa McCatty - Chair 09/20/07

Enrollment Commission

Katie Glocheski 09/20/05
Roger Sprague - Chair 09/20/05
Norbert Kelsey 09/20/07
Ben Hamilton 09/20/07
Diana O’Neal 09/20/05
Margery Lutz 09/20/07
Vacant
Janine Sam - Liaison

Gaming Commission

Lee Ivinson 09/20/07
Joan Spalding – Chair 09/20/05
Joshua Stone 09/20/07
Lisa McCatty - Liaison

Natural Resources Commission

Virgil Johnson 09/20/05
Jimmie Mitchell - Chair 09/20/07
Mick Moore 09/20/07
Mike Ceplina 09/20/07
Vacant
Pat Ruiter – Liaison

Housing Commission

John Ross 09/20/05
Carol Bennett 09/20/07
Dan Shepard 09/20/05
Vacant 09/20/07
Alfred Medacco 09/20/07
Steve Parsons - Liaison

LRBOI Direct Contact Numbers

Ogema’s Office	231-398-6824	Public Safety	231-398-3413
Tribal Council	231-398-6845	Tribal Court	231-398-3406
Elaine Porter	231-398-6833	Peacekeeping	231-398-3397
Pat Ruiter	231-398-6831	Education	231-398-6724
Pamela Medahko	231-398-6849	Elders	231-398-6709
Steve Parsons	231-398-6830	Enrollment	231-398-6713
Brian Medacco	231-398-6828	Food Commodities	231-398-6715
Janine Sam	231-398-6834	Housing	231-398-6730
Tammy Kleeman Brown	231-398-6835	Human Resources	231-398-6704
Israel Stone	231-398-6807	Warriors Society	231-398-6720
Lisa McCatty	231-398-6719	Be-Da-Bin	231-398-6604
Accounting	231-398-6878	CHR Office	231-398-6629
Economic Development	231-398-6806	Clinic Operations	231-398-6630
Election Board	231-398-6852	Contract Health	800-723.8299
Grants	231-398-6870	Family Services	231-398-6621
Legal	231-398-6822	Natural Resources	231-723-1594
Member’s Assistance	231-398-6731	Gaming Commission	231-723-7755
Planning	231-398-6810	Tribal Historic Preservation	231-398-9363
Public Information	231-398-6840	Toll Free	888-723-8288
Reception	888-723-8288	Health Toll Free	888-382-8299
Language	231-398-9378	Little River Casino Resort	888-568-2244
Language Hotline	877-789-0993		
Prosecuting Attorney	231-398-3384		

Looking for “Firestarters” in our community to attend Firestarters Certification offered through *White Bison*.

What is a Firestarter?
“Firestarter” refers to an individual who has the ability to envision the needs and potential (fire or light) within a person or a community.

What do Firestarters do?
Firestarters learn to facilitate the culturally appropriate Medicine Wheel and 12 Step Program in an intensive three day and three evening training designed to teach the individual how to conduct the video series and facilitation process for Native American people.

Criteria for Firestarters:
Individuals must be sober for one year prior to training. Have experience in recovery (Al-Anon, AA, Gamblers Anonymous, NA, etc). Have demonstrated recovery leadership. Are willing to do 12-step work. Are willing to work on themselves emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually. Are able to commit to participating in three training sessions (one each year for 3 yrs).

If interested in the Firestarter program please contact:

Members Assistance Department

Programs available to the members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



***Low Income Energy Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance is available in all states.
-Amount of assistance: \$200.00 per year; per household.

***LIHEAP**

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Heat Source - Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level and available funding.

***Food Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. Assistance is available in all states.
-Amount of assistance: \$200.00 per year per household; provided in \$50.00 increments.

***Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program**

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a housing crisis. Assistance is available in all states.
-Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month’s rent or mortgage payment; not to exceed \$1000.00.

Home Repair Program**

The Home Repair Program assists home owners who meet the eligibility requirements. The program assists with the repair of substandard roof, electrical, heating, and plumbing and weatherization. Assistance is available in all states.
-Amount of assistance: \$6000.00 per household

Income Guidelines for Assistance Programs

Family Size	150% FPIG	Eligibility is based on 3 months income prior to application
1	\$14,355	\$3,588.75
2	\$19,245	\$4,811.25
3	\$24,134	\$6,033.75
4	\$29,025	\$7,256.25
5	\$33,915	\$8,478.75
6	\$38,805	\$9,701.25
7	\$43,695	\$10,923.75
8	\$48,585	\$12,146.25

Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services Dated February 8, 2005

*Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government.

**Eligibility is based on Annual Income, please contact department for income criteria.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for complete program information and/or to request an application.

Amber Moore – Intake Clerk
Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk
Lee A. Ivinson – Members Assistance Coordinator

Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288

Physical location is at 1762 US 31 South, Manistee MI 49660
Our mailing address is 375 River Street Manistee MI 49660.

“Attention Tribal Members!”

If you are interested in serving on one of the committees or commissions we would like to hear from you. Please send a letter of interest to the attention of Ogema Lee Sprague. If you have questions, please contact Mary Thomas at 231.398.6824.”
- Glenn Zaring, Public Information Department

Happy Birthday

Happy 81st Birthday to our grandfather
Sylvester Battice
Love, Danette and Kelly

Happy Second Birthday Antonio
April 17, 2005 and

Happy First Birthday Aalijah April 28,
2005
-Love Aunt Maria, Mommy,
and Grandma

Happy Birthday Sharon Reed (Willard)
hope you get all you're wishing for... and
more Enjoy!
May 10th
- Your sis, Sandy

Happy 1st Birthday Nathaniel "Smiley"
Burkhart!
May 7th
You are such a precious little boy and
Loved so very much! Hope you have a
wonderful day
-Love Always, Auntie Valerie & Uncle
Matthew

Happy 70th Birthday California Queen,
we love you very much!
-Your Family, Strobel's, Verdi's and Pete's
and the rest of the Family.

Happy 30th Birthday to Loretta Cinseros,
Love from your whole family in Muske-
gon May 26th and 38 years for Saraphina
Cineros on June 21st.

Happy Birthday, sis
- Teresa Warren

Happy Birthday Jonathon Wayne
Blanchard, Son
-Love Always Daniel Blanchard

Happy Birthday Danielle Vance
May 17th
-Love Mom

Poetry From Danielle Vance;
Sisters
Sister's are funny and playful
Sometimes they are a pain
Sometimes they are cold hearted
And mean and loving
And playful they care
Sisters like to talk and take walks
They talk about anything
They talk about boys all the time
Sisters are sometimes
Special all the time

Spring
Spring is here and so are you
Flowers blooming grass is growing
Stars are out snow is still here
Birds are flying the sun is out
It is still cold outside but it is nice and
cold
Sometimes it is warm out somewhat
Dog and Cat like to run
Roses are red
Violets are blue
Spring is here sun is shining
It is nice outside and warm and cold

Happy 7th Birthday Blague "Cha Amik"
May 13
-Love Daddy & Mommy & Bronson

Happy Birthday Kim Alexander!
Hope you have a wonderful day!
-Hugs, Valerie, Sandy, Joan & Loretta

Happy Birthday Matthew Stratton! May
you receive all that you wish for and much
more. Hope your day is just "Ducky" and
filled with love and happiness.
May 19th
-Love Valerie

Happy 57th birthday Sally Louise Allen-
May 19
-Love Sara & Eric

"Luke Updyke" Happy 24th birthday
May 11th
-Love you always Mom

Happy 18th Birthday Heather!! I want to
tell the whole world how proud I am of
you!!!
- Love, Dad

Happy Birthday Auntie Webbs
May 22
- Love, your niece Pigly and your nephew
The Hulk

Thinking of you

I would like to send my HAPPY
SPRING!!!! Wishes to my wonderful sis-
ter LeeAnn Willea, Her hubby John, My
handsome nephews Brandon and Matt!!!
I LOVE YOU!!!!
-Angela Eagle

Congratulations Charlie Antonie and
Chad Antonie, may lives journey bring
you happiness?
-Love Amber

Congratulations

Congratulations Mark Petts and Molly
Millman on your engagement February
14th, 2005. We welcome you to our family
Molly
-Love Mom & Dad

Anniversary

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniver-
sary on May 28. Father Andrew Dark
married them in Muskegon at St. Mary's
Church. They have four children, Mar-
tin, Gregory, Diana, and Brian. Also Ten
Grandchildren, Amber, Jason, Jonathan,
Lacey, Adam, Michelle, Drew, Brian, cady,
and Levi. Celebration planning is pend-
ing at this time. Oscar is a Tribal elder
who was born and raised in the Brethren
area before entering the air force. Oscar
and Velma are now living in Luther.

Happy 30th Anniversary Robert and San-
dy Chandler! May you be blessed with
many more years of love and happiness.
May 24th
-Love always, Valerie, Matthew, Joan,
Geoff and Nathan

Happy 50th anniversary to my Mom and
Dad, June 4th.
I love you both very much,
- Nita

Happy 50th anniversary to our grandpar-
ents! We love you both,
- Jeremy, Janelle and James

Happy Anniversary to my beloved Hus-
band Benny Rivas, whom I love very much
all these years
May 24th
-Your Wife Bernadette Rivas

31 year Anniversary for Maria and James
Wolf Lots of LOVE from your family here
in Muskegon and your sister Rosa in Ken-
tucky. We are all very happy for you and
Love you very much!
Sept 7th
-Love Dee

In memory Of...

Loretta Cinsneros (Saugie) On Novem-
ber 9th makes 4 years since you've been
gone from all of us. We your Children and
your Grandchildren and all of your Great
Grand Children, really do Love and Miss
you so very very much. God takes good
care of you and Dad now.
-Love your Family! 4- ever and Always!

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother Day
Your a #1 Mom.
We love you more than the sky.
- Hugs from : Josclyn, Jalissa, Jacob,
Jasmine, Jacquelyn, JessieJames

Happy Mother's Day Beverly Joyce Nin-
nise
-Love Always Daniel Blanchard

Happy Mother's day to my wonderful
mom! Hope you have a great day, full of
sunshine and flowers!
- Gros becs! Emily

Happy Father's Day

Happy Fathers Day to Sylvester Battice
Some people make the world brighter just
by being in it, dad, that is you
- Lots of love, Diana and Bob

Happy Father's Day to the best dad in the
world! I miss you every day,
- Gros becs! Emily



School/College Achievement



Congratulations- Brook Cochran & Kaleigit Luce on your induction into the "National-honors Society"-Time Luce "Student of the Month" -Dar-en Luce & Danielle Luce The "Deans List" Baker College. I'm so proud of you guys!!
-Love Ya your Mom & Grandma Schultz

Congratulations to Samantha Acre on graduating from high school.

-Love from DAD, Beth, Brandon, and Emily.

Congratulations Shauna on your success of completing High School! Wish you lots of Success in Life.

-Love Mom and Dad

My name is Sandra DeVerney, mother of John Mark Holguin. I would like to share with you some great news;

John Mark will graduate with a Bachelor Degree in Music Education, with honors, from University of Texas at El Paso on May 7, 2005.

He has also been awarded musician of the year; and has been accepted to Boston University to pursue his graduate degree

in Music. He has been playing the Viola since the 5th grade. He is currently playing with the El Paso Symphony, and a local Mariachi group. My best to "you" Mark, and we all love you and wish you the best as you continue to pursue your passion for music.

-Mom

We are proud to announce the graduation of Curtis Arthur Eves, from Athens High School June of 2005. Curtis plans to study acting and voice acting in college. Curtis can imitate numerous voices and is talented at creating cartoon sculptures.

The Eve's and Coopers wish him the very best Congratulations Curtis!

-With love Mom, Dad, Lauren, Lana, Grandma, Lynn & Paul.



(above - Curtis Eves)
Congratulations on your graduation to Curtis Eves with Love the Lewis Family.

UTILITIES - MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT Working hard outside and in, getting ready for Spring



Cleaning up the Pow Wow Grounds, stacking up fire wood, adding a trailer to the Conservation Department "maze", Building and remodeling the Police Department and the Administrative Center... And much, much more!



Thank you for helping the Manistee Animal shelter carry the furniture LRBOI donated to them.

Chi Miigwetch to you all!

Little River Currents

MEGWAA EZHIWEBAAK



Chi-Miigwetch to the Election Board!

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians announced on May 9th that the election results from April 29th have been certified.

There were no challenges and no recounts were requested.

Our combined congratulations go to the Election Board for their hard work in running this election efficiently and honestly. We also congratulate the Tribal Members who participated in this important process.

